

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • April 5, 2026

*Welcome! We're glad you're here!
Please join us in praise and prayer.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate"
- * "Christ Arose"
- * "You Are My King"

Our Confession of Sin

Ministry of Music - "The Power of the Cross" by the Praise Team

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

- * Hymn #299 - "He Lives"

God's Word Today - Lyle Greenfield

1 Peter 1:3-5 — "He Is Not Here"

- * Hymn #289, vs. 1-3 - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

* Benediction

- * Response - "Because He Lives"

* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.
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Welcome, visitors!

We extend a sincere welcome to our visitors. It's a privilege to have you with us. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the morning offering. For those who wish to place an offering, offering plates are available throughout the service at the back of the sanctuary.

Congratulations to Robert & Danielle DeVries on the birth of their son, Robert William. Robert was born Wednesday, April 1st, at 4:32 a.m., weighing 4.1 pounds. The rosebud at the front of the sanctuary is in honor of Robert's birth.

We thank the Praise Team for their ministry of music this morning.

Forreston Grove's Easter offering to benefit New Life Community Center

A special offering will be collected during this morning's worship service to benefit New Life Community Center, the food pantry in Forreston. Checks can be made payable to Forreston Grove and designated on the memo line to New Life Community Center.

Easter plant pickup today

If you purchased a plant in memory of a loved one this Easter season, you may take it home following this morning's worship service.

Ladies' monthly study continues next Sunday

The ladies' book study of "How a Wife Speaks" will meet Sunday, April 12th, at 6 p.m. in the fireplace room.

Next men's book study to meet April 19th

The men's book study of "How a Husband Speaks" will meet Sunday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. Contact Matt Williams for more information!

Summer camp scholarships available

Forreston Grove is once again offering \$300 scholarships to any youth who would like to attend Rock River Christian Camp, Walcamp, Camp Timber-Lee, or PCA Cono Camp this summer. Flyers are available in the narthex and applications are due May 15th!

(announcements continued on back...)

Save the date to Walk for Life!

Lifeline Coalition's annual Walk for Life will take place at Krape Park on Saturday, May 2nd at 10 a.m. All are welcome to participate or donate. If you'd like to make a donation, contact Kelli Gunderson.

Shannon church seeking help for food packing event

Bethel United Methodist Church in Shannon is seeking support for a meal kit packing event they are hosting this summer for a ministry called Midwest Missions. The event will be held at Bethel in Shannon on Saturday, August 1st, and volunteers are need to help pack the meal bags. To sign up to volunteer, or to donate funds to the event, contact Shirley Krell at 815-821-1941.

April newsletter available

The church's April newsletter is now available on the table in the narthex. It includes a church calendar and letters from missionaries. Please pick one up at your convenience!

For congregational needs, contact...

Lee Eclov 847-302-6853 Lyle Greenfield 815-266-4143

Elders: Butch DeVries, Brian Duncan, Tim Greenfield, Rob Gunderson, Matt Williams

	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
<i>April 5</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Linda DeVries</i>	<i>Daryl & Erika</i>
<i>April 12</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>~volunteer sought~</i>	<i>Butch & Tammy</i>
<i>April 19</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>~volunteer sought~</i>	<i>Marshall & Paige</i>
<i>April 26</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Debbie Apel</i>	<i>Jason & Kim</i>

Please contact Kelli Gunderson with announcements or other items to be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Kelli can be reached at forrestongrove@gmail.com or at 815-821-5905.

Prayer Concerns

· **Church matters:**

- Pray that Forreston Grove would overflow with love for God, one another, and our community.
- Pray that we would live beautiful, worthy lives.
- Pray that we would strive to glorify God in all we do, think, & say.
- Pray that the Session would faithfully lead, shepherd, & defend the flock.
- Pray that the deacons & trustees would diligently care for the physical needs of the church.
- Pray that we would be devoted to prayer and reading God's Word.
- Pray that we would—both individually and as one body—joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ with all who will hear.

· **New concerns:**

- Robert William DeVries was born early via emergency c-section this week. Pray that Danielle's pain and symptoms of pre-eclampsia subside, and that Robert's lungs continue to develop and that his feedings continue to be successful.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Zephaniah Williams (pray for growth and health for him, for healing for Emily, and for peace and strength for Matt, Emily, & Isaac)
- Kevin Erbsen (pray for healing and improvement for him, and for peace for his family)
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for health, provision, and strength)
- Thelma Meeks (pray for strength)
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